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His views as expressed in the last paragraph of reftel appear extremely vague. I wonder if it might not be worth while for our Ambassador to have Bech expand further on this subject, drawing from him suggestions as to how he believes the US might 'treat Europe as an equal even though we are not equal,' and the outline of an agreement which would not 'hurt the pride of Italy and Germany too much.'

If the old sage has nothing precise to offer, the Ambassador will at least have learned several new anecdotes, and perhaps also have relished the best cooking in Luxembourg."

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We had a dinner tonight at home for

Mr. and Mrs. Max Freedman
Mrs. Aidan Crawley
Lady Pamela and Michael Berry
Mr. Clark

March 9, 1963 - Saturday

E and I spent the morning chasing around antique shops, winding up on Portobello Road. We saw three Regency dolphin chairs that I intend to buy for Staunton Hill. Kisty [redacted] Hesketh arrived this afternoon to spend the weekend with us. There will be an inundation of Government officials tonight and tomorrow, staying until well into next week. Livie Merchant's party includes about twenty people. Soapy Williams will have only one or two attendants with him.

March 10, 1963 - Sunday

Went down this morning to see Robert Lutyens for a sitting. Although he is [redacted] undemanding, he has during my absence started over again on the two pictures that I thought were about to be completed. He assures me, however, that one more seance will be sufficient for his purposes. If so, he is unique as a portrait painter.

Took a long walk in Regents Park this afternoon, in spite of the rain. Inspected the tropical birds flying free in their aviary. While viewing Guy, the spectacular Highland gorilla, I witnessed a curious sight. Some one gave him a chocolate bar. He lay on his stomach, pulled off the outer wrapping, did the same

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to the tin foil wrapping, then broke pieces off with his fingers and ate as daintily as if he had been at a tea party.

Clare and David McEwen and Al Wells came to dinner tonight. David won £1700 a few evenings ago at the new gambling house on Berkeley Square. He paid all his debts, including the last usually recognized in London, namely the tailor's, [redacted] then bought a Porsche car with an exhaust like a fire engine.

March 11, 1963 - Monday

I had arranged a lunch for Livie Merchant today, but both he and Peter Thorneycroft were ill, so could not attend. The guests were:

Foreign Secretary Lord Home
First Lord of the Admiralty Lord Carrington
Secretary of State for War Profumo
Secretary of State for Air Fraser
Sir Harold Caccia
Sir Hugh Stephenson (Deputy Under Secretary, Foreign Office)
Lord Hood (Deputy Under Secretary, Foreign Office)
Sir Robert Scott
F. W. Mottershead (Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Defense)
Sir Solly Zuckerman
Sir Roger Makins
Ambassador Finletter
Atomic Energy Commissioner Palfrey
Gerard C. Smith
Rear Admiral John M. Lee
G. Lewis Jones
Admiral Paige Smith
Ray Courtney

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I spent most of the afternoon with Tom Finletter, going over Multilateral Force matters, then took him to Lewis Jones' house, where Livie is staying. There we had a long conference.

I sent Dean Rusk a telegram about the speech Home intends to make before the NATO Council on March 20:

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"Lord Home told me today that he would send you the substance of what he proposes to say to NAC on March 20 as soon as his statement worked out. He said you need have no apprehensions: he proposes to impress upon NAC that all members of the Alliance must work multinationally and multilaterally to make it effective. He believes this needs saying at this time."

March 12, 1963 - Tuesday

I went off with Livie and Tom Finletter to a meeting this morning at the Foreign Office, presided over by Lord Home. There must have been about 25 people present. Merchant gave a summary of the reactions in foreign capitals on the subject of the MLF. There were many questions. We kept at it until it was time for me to go over to the House of Commons for lunch with Tufton Beamish and the following Members of the Conservative Parliamentary Foreign Affairs Committee:

The Hon. Mrs. Evelyn Emmet (Joint Vice-Chairman)
Mr. David James (Joint Hon. Secretary)
The Rt. Hon. Nigel Birch
Mr. Robin Chichester-Clark
The Rt. Hon. David Renton
Mr. John Rodgers
Mr. Gilbert Longden
Sir Martin Lindsay
Mr. Anthony Kershaw
Mr. John Temple
Mr. Peter Emery
Mr. David Webster
The Hon. Clive Bossom
Miss Ursula Branston (Foreign Affairs Officer, Conservative Research)

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I outlined our Government's views on American Foreign Policy, as it relates to Europe, [redacted] then answered questions. The whole affair lasted about two hours.

Next I went with Livie Merchant and Tom Finletter to call on the Prime Minister in his office at the House of Commons. We had a constructive talk, with Lord Home and Philip de Zulueta present, in the course of which the PM said he would give all the support he could to the MLF project.

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Tonight I went with E to the ballet, as guests of Lord Drogheda.

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Since the Queen Mother, Princess Margaret and Lord Snowdon occupied the Royal Box, there was a lot of standing around and exchange of courtesies before the ballet started. We were snug in Drogheda's loge with the sympathetic French Ambassador de Courcel and his wife. There were several numbers, but the chief one was Marguerite and Armand, founded on "The Lady of the Camelias". The choreography was by Frederick Ashton, the scenery and costumes by Cecil Beaton. Margot Fontayne played Marguerite, and Rudolf Nureyev Armand. I think they must on the whole be the most accomplished pair today in ballet. The reception given them was tremendous, encore after encore. Instead of the usual dinner served in a private room between the acts, on this occasion we had recourse to it only to drink and eat hors d'oeuvres. The Queen Mother and her party appeared, to be introduced to the members of the company. It was a congenial evening, with a crowded house. I saw, to my delight, beautiful Mollie Cranborne and Robert. I got home about midnight, but E went on to a party given by Princess Guirey. She returned at three o'clock, and got up at 6:30 to go to Paris.

Arthur Schlesinger is staying with us, before going down to Ditchley for the Latin American Seminar.

On Monday, I saw [redacted] Mennen Williams. He arrived here over the weekend, to have conversations with RAB Butler and others on African Affairs. There is at least something quite taking about his spontaneity.

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March 13, 1963 - Wednesday

The usual well integrated and large American delegation went down to the Council Room in the India Office today, to meet with Lord Home, Ted Heath, Sammy Hood, and others, to resume conversations on the Multilateral Force. This is quite an extraordinary room, with full length portraits of former Viceroys to India on the walls, and a magnificent marble fireplace. The library in the

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Department of External Affairs as Third Secretary in 1935 and subsequently served in Paris, Berlin and Lisbon. In 1950 he was named as Minister to France and was later Ambassador, going to Rome in 1954 as Ambassador to the Holy See. He was appointed Ambassador to London in November 1956, returning to Dublin in February 1958. He gained considerable experience in economic matters after the war, attending numerous international conferences in this field. Officials of the ECA Mission in Ireland who had dealings with him reported that he knew his subject well and that he was always cooperative and pleasant. He is married and has one son and three daughters.

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Jean Jacques Boyer, former French parachutist, son of my deceased friend, Raoul, came to see me. He sells machinery for railway equipment in the UK and the Common Market countries. He denounced the Gaulist Government, predicting chaos in France during the course of the summer.

Chip Bohlen arrived this morning from Paris, and attended our staff meeting, where he discoursed on conditions in France. We had a splendid lunch at Bucks.

Norman Pearson, formerly in OSS, called on me, with his wife, this afternoon. He talked about his trip to Greenland, and the collection he has at New Haven of carved walrus and whale ivory. But the finest pieces he owns are decorated fragments of the jawbones of whales. I should like to see them, for some are 12 feet or more in height, elaborately carved, incised or painted.

Joe Young, a classmate of mine at Princeton, chairman of one of the large cement companies in Pennsylvania, came to see me. With his wife he is about to take off for a Grecian tour. He will retire from business at the end of the year. He told me lugubrious tales of the deaths of former members of our class--three of them blew their brains out in 1962.

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Bill Blair and his wife have arrived from Copenhagen, and are staying at the house. Tonight, E and I went to the Irish Club banquet at the Hyde Park Hotel, to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. The principal guests were the Irish Minister for External Affairs, Mr. Frank Aiken, the Irish Ambassador and Mrs. Cremin, Lord Longford, and Lord Killanin. They also were the speakers, with the addition of Mr. Eamonn Andrews and Mr. J. V. O'Sullivan. The quality of the speeches was high, the general atmosphere more convivial than at most banquets I have attended. Minister Aiken, who was, I believe, the former leader of the IRA, is an especially attractive man.

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March 16, 1963 - Saturday

The Sulzbergers arrived from Paris to stay. They lunched with us, together with their son David, and the Blairs, who are leaving tomorrow for the United States.

We went down five strong this afternoon to stay at Easton Neston. Lady McEwen, David and John Sebastian McEwen, Victoria Fairbanks (daughter of Mary Lee and Douglas), Diana Cooper, S. J. Perleman, and others were in the house party. I had hardly set foot in the hall when I was called from Washington by Henry Tasca, requesting me to see the Italian Foreign Minister in London, to say our Government was strongly in favor of the British request to it for the Italians to represent British interests in case there were a break between the UK and Somaliland. I tracked down the Foreign Minister by telephone at the Ambassador's house, where he was staying. I talked to Pietro Quaroni, who relayed me a message from the Foreign Minister, to the effect that their staff in Somaliland was too small to handle the British Government's needs if a break should occur. This I reported to Washington. Our own Government appears anxious to avoid this responsibility, but I do not think the Italians are inclined to let us off the hook.

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March 17, 1963 - Sunday

We [redacted] intended to go on to Stratford this morning, but found that instead of being a motor trip of 45 minutes, it was almost two hours distant. Since it was cold, blustery, and rainy, we stayed for lunch at Easton Neston, and returned to London by an afternoon train.

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Tonight, the Sulzbergers and Arthur Schlesinger (who had attended the Seminar at Ditchley) dined with us.

March 18, 1963 - Monday

My first engagement this morning was with Wayne Hays, of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. He said he was strongly sponsoring the move of the Embassy residence from Avenue d'Iena to 41 Faubourg St. Honore. I wonder.

The new Costa Rican Ambassador, Sra. de Chittenden, called on me. Maria del Carmen Gutierrez Chittenden, 43, owes her appointment to London to her successful leadership of the feminine wing of the victorious National Liberation Party in the 1961-62 election campaign. Her husband, George Peter Chittenden, is a US citizen and the son of the late general manager of a United Fruit Company subsidiary. In World War II he was a Marine lieutenant and thereafter a private banana company venture ended in bankruptcy. Mrs. Chittenden, who often overshadows her husband, then really came into her own and became the driving force of the family. Because of the difficulty of living in London on her salary, Mr. Chittenden is employed by the European sales Division of the United Fruit Company. The Chittendens have three daughters. They stated to an American official in Costa Rica that their main objective in accepting a London assignment was to enable their daughters to secure an education better than that available in Costa Rica. Mrs. Chittenden seemed lively, intelligent, and forceful.

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She was followed by Sayyid Khalid Mohammed Jaffar, the new Ambassador of Kuwait. He was born in 1922, and educated in Kuwait. After a brief teaching career, he joined the Kuwait Oil Company in 1945. He was the senior Kuwaiti employee, director of public relations. He resigned in 1961 to become the equivalent of the Lord Chamberlain of Kuwait. Later he was Director of Press and Cultural Relations in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He is conversant with the Western mode of life and widely travelled. He speaks fluent English. He is married, with four sons and three daughters; the eldest son is at Cambridge. I enjoyed talking to him about Kuwait water problems. The best solution politically and practicable at this time would be for them to bring fresh water by canal from Iraq.

I lunched at Bucks, with Bob Low, who for some years has been one of the representatives of Niarchos in England and elsewhere. He said last year on the Greek island where Niarchos has his bird shooting, a total of about 16,000 pheasants and partridges were killed.

The Jamaican Ambassador to the United States, Neville Ashenheim, came to see me this afternoon. He is [redacted] agreeable.

Gaston Coblenz, of the New York Herald Tribune, visited me. Afterwards, I saw David Nes, [redacted] -now assigned by the State Department to the Imperial Defense College.

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We had a dinner tonight for

Mr. and Mrs. Hamish Hamilton
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Lady Hesketh
Mr. and Mrs. Sulzberger
Mr. Schlesinger
Mr. Perleman
Mr. Leigh-Fermor

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Twelve guests came in after dinner. There were Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Macmillan (who had just been staying with her brother, David Gore, in Washington), Mr. and Mrs. Ivanovich (Yugoslavian), Anthony Powell, the author, with his nephew, Pakenham, David McEwen (with a friend and two beautiful girls, one of them a granddaughter of Iris Tree), and Mr. and Mrs. Hare.

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March 19, 1963 - Tuesday

I came down this morning with Cy Sulzberger and had a long talk with him in the office. E and I lunched as guests of Sir John and Lady Rothenstein (Director of the Tate) at the Athenaeum Club Annex. Reggie Maudling and his wife, and John Strachey and his wife, were there. Lady Rothenstein is charming. She is from Kentucky. At the moment she is deep in Henry James, whom she thinks the greatest of novelists. John Strachey was once in the Labour Shadow Cabinet, as Minister for Air. He said he had a recollection that after investigating Civil Aviation accidents in those days, the proportionate number on chartered planes was eight times as great as accidents on the regularly scheduled flights. As a result, he refused himself to fly on chartered planes. One of his friends told him "You have the cowardice of your convictions."

E and I were the guests of the Conference on American Women's Activities at the Columbia Club. There were between 250 and 300 ladies there. I addressed them on the subject of American Foreign Policy. It was a docile audience.

Tonight, we took Sasha and David to a Chinese restaurant, where they gorged themselves on their favorite food. This restaurant, to which Al Wells had once taken Nicky, who as a connoisseur of Chinese food recommended it to us, is at 4 Thackery Street, just off Kensington Square, which contains some fine 17th Century houses. The little dining room was congested with swarms of people,

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but we had delicious Chinese fare. I don't think any laundry will be able to do much with our tablecloth, for David, although expert in the use of chopsticks, might just as well have been employing a scattergun. After consuming enormous quantities of food, and many cups of tea, we all assured each other that the Chinese cuisine was so delicately balanced that we would again be hungry in half an hour. Six hours later, I felt as if I would never eat again.

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Gus Kinsolving arrived tonight to stay with us.

March 20, 1963 - Wednesday

Henry Brandon came to see me this morning. He took a holiday in Switzerland, in the course of which he broke a leg while skiing. He is now hobbling around on two sticks, but otherwise is as alert as usual.

I paid a return call on the Indonesian Ambassador, whose office on Grosvenor Square faces a gast hole in the ground, left by the demolition of three adjoining houses. A large apartment building is to be put on this site. The owners are trying to buy his establishment. This would be a pity, for it is a 19th Century house in the Adam style, with fine stucco work.

George Woods, who succeeded Eugene Black as President of the World Bank, came in. He and Gene were in business together many years ago, and remain devoted friends. He says he has been so busy during the few months since he took over his responsibilities that he has given no thought whatever to his former career. I think this was an excellent appointment.

I lunched today at Admiralty House with the Prime Minister. I seem to have been the guest of honor. had a good talk with the PM. He has just written a long letter to the President, a copy of which he said I would receive tomorrow, on the subject of the nuclear test ban negotiations. He thinks a meeting between

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Khrushchev, Kennedy, and himself might bring about an agreement. Edward Boyle sat on my other side. He is good company. The others were

Bishop of Southwark, Dr. Stockwood
Harold Watkinson
Sir Edward Beddington-Behrens
Michael Berry
Lord Kilmuir
Sir James Gunn
Sir Charles P. Snow
Mr. John Morrison

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I ran into Brigadier McNab on my way out and congratulated him with all sincerity on the remarkable food and wine he had furnished. We had white and Haut Brion, a superior Chambolle Musigny. The real feature, however, was a breast of chicken dish, served in individual plates with huge glass covers looking like those used to protect tomatoes.

Jean Lambert called on me this afternoon. He has not yet met Dillon, or been given an opportunity to talk to the Treasury people about his debt funding scheme.

Herbert Matthews of the New York Times visited me. He [redacted] attended the conference at Ditchley on Latin America. He thought well of the proceedings, but deplored the general lack of interest in England in Latin American affairs. He has seen most of the leaders of the Labour Party since his arrival, and takes it for granted they will come into office with a large majority. At present they are certainly exuding confidence, chiefly because of the recent polls [redacted] indicating a clear majority at this time.

I took a little time off to go down to see Mr. Reffold, who had telephoned about a pair of sphinxes he [redacted] bought from Osbert Sitwell, who is dismantling his house in preparation for a move into smaller quarters. They were disappointingly small bronzes, but of pleasing appearance, so I gathered them in.

I dined at the Garrick Club.

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March 21, 1963 - Thursday

Yesterday afternoon we carried out the Department's instruction about a possible ceremony connected with the official notification to Sir Winston Churchill of American citizenship being conferred upon him. This is on the assumption that the Senate will concur in the House of Representatives action. We sent this telegram on the subject:

> "We discussed Deptel with Montague Browne, Churchill's Private Secretary, who had heard of ceremony through Fonoff. He said Sir Winston now in period of active brilliance but, like lighthouse, lapses into spells of haziness and boredom. Montague Browne believes, and I concur, best procedure would be for me, accompanied only by my wife, to make presentation at Churchill's home in London. Only still pictures would be permitted, no TV or movie coverage. No prior publicity would be given to London ceremony, which could be arranged on short notice and could therefore be postponed if Churchill not feeling fit."

I left on the one o'clock Air France plane for Paris.

On my way to the Hotel Crillon, where I was to stay, I stopped to see M. Perney, and bought from him a pair of reproduction gilt bronze Louis XV candlesticks. He spoke of the increasing difficulty of finding new stock. In spite of this perennial complaint by antique dealers in Paris and London, there still seems to be an abundance of merchandise in their shops, though at ever increasing prices.

I took Jessie Bruce to dinner at a ~~little bistro off Place St. Andre des Arts~~. We had delicious food in this tiny place, through which sauntered a guitar player and a singer.

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March 22, 1963 - Friday

Although I had read in the London papers about almost daily strikes of one kind or another in Paris, I was surprised this morning to find no electric power in the hotel. It was to be cut off from eight o'clock until noon. This cut in current caused notable paralysis in Paris. The Underground stopped, the electric trains

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did not function, there were no traffic lights, the telephone did not work except for automatic transmission, the mail was late, as were the newspapers, and if you went into a hotel or office building, the upper floors were inaccessible, except on foot, a condition of things that pleased neither clients nor servants.

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I went over to see Chip Bohlen this morning. Preston Grover, who was with him, is coming to see me in London next week. Bohlen seems to have completely recovered from the hemorrhage behind his eye, but Avis has developed a mild case of hepatitis.

I lunched with Jean Monnet in a private room at Prunier's. He is going off next Monday for a three-week cure at Bad Gastein, in Austria. Monnet was strongly in favor of the US refraining from heroics in the form of action toward France at this time. He believes the Multilateral Force an excellent way to offer Germany a satisfactory participation in nuclear affairs. I canvassed with him a number of possibilities suggested from Washington in connection with the activities of his Action Committee, such as the formation of a European Parliament with British representation, and inviting the British to become members of his Committee. He thought all this premature, but no doubt will mull it over in self communion on the Austrian mountains. He thinks, as I do, that the disappointment caused by the rejection of the British attempt to enter the Common Market has obscured the grand accomplishments since the war in bringing about a large measure of cohesion between the Western nations.

We took a digestive walk, before I left for Orly. The trip back was only 50 minutes, but that seemed long compared with yesterday's flight, during which we must have been propelled by a hurricane, for I went from London Airport to Orly in 35 minutes, via Caravelle. There was scarcely time to eat lunch.

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In the particular of food, I think Air France excels all other lines. One is scarcely aloft when a tray is presented, with such things on it as pate, cold ham, cheese, to say nothing of a choice between red, white wine, and champagne, or all of them.

When I arrived home, the Sulzbergers were due shortly to leave for a night rail journey to Paris. Cy has seen a great number of leading politicians while here. He is convinced that if elected, Harold Wilson will propose renunciation by the UK of its independent nuclear deterrent and the use of all nuclear weapons except, as I understand it, those supplied by the US to [redacted] ground forces. Consequently, he thinks the MLF affair will drag out until the time of the British elections. Thereafter, if the Labour Party is returned, the Germans will not want to go ahead without the British, and the whole thing will be dropped, leaving only the US and France engaged in the manufacture of nuclear armaments. He is to write two articles on this, that will appear in the New York Times next week. Just before leaving, he had a telephone message from New York, saying the Times expected to resume publication on Monday.

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March 23, 1963 - Saturday

Our family of five set out this morning for Leamington Spa, on our way to Stratford. It was a bitterly cold day, with a North wind, but the sun came out as we lunched at the Shakespeare Head in Stratford-on-Avon. We attempted to tour the best known tourist spots, but were thwarted in part by the closing hour of four o'clock. We did, however, see the Ann Hathaway cottage, a charming place. There is considerable doubt whether Shakespeare ever married Ann Hathaway, for there is a contention that he married another Ann. We also went to the cottage of Shakespeare's mother. It was much smaller than the Hathaway cottage, and probably less authentic. It has, however, been thoroughly restored, and glories in

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I had a lunch at the office today for the following:

Harold Wilson (MP, Leader of the Labour Party)
Patrick Gordon Walker, Labour MP
Herbert W. Bowden, Labour MP
Denis W. Healey, Labour MP
James L. Callaghan, Labour MP
Lewis Jones
Elim O'Shaughnessy
Albert Irving

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Wilson and his associates are supremely confident of winning the next election, which they think will not take place until May of next year. They see no chance of the Prime Minister pulling a rabbit out of his hat.

Joe Harsch brought in Dr. Engstrum, President of RCA. Engstrum commented on the small sums available for research in the United Kingdom, compared with those in the United States. He said there was a good deal of truth in Lord Hailsham's statement that British scientists were going to the United States in droves, lured there by better opportunities than exist here.

Nelson Levings and his wife came to see me. He was [redacted] at the University of Virginia at the same time as myself. He was once Lt. Governor of Mississippi.

I had a visit from Ed Korry, an old friend. He left LOOK some time ago, to work with George Ball in Washington. There he attracted favorable attention, and is now on his way to Ethiopia to serve as our Ambassador.

Tonight we had a dinner for the French Ambassador and his wife, with the following guests:

Dowager Duchess of Devonshire
Viscount Hood
Ava Viscountess Waverley
Viscount Harcourt
Lady Hesketh
Mr. John Foster
Mrs. John Barry Ryan
Mr. Charles Harding
M. & Mme. Serreulles
Mr. and Mrs. Leo d'Erlanger
Mr. and Mrs. O'Shaughnessy

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I attended the monthly meeting of the Latin American Mission Chiefs, at the Dominican Republic Ambassador's, 62D Princes Gate. The Ambassador of Honduras had a long colloquy with me about the sovereignty of certain off-shore islands near his country. He thinks this matter was taken up between his President and President Kennedy at San Jose. He is sending me a book he has written on the subject, and if I can stumble through it in Spanish, I will write to Ed Martin about this.

C. R. Smith, President of American Airlines, came to see me this afternoon, with Mr. Hogan, his Executive Vice President. His London representative was also here. They are considering placing an order amounting to about eighty million dollars with a British aircraft firm. Jim has been a director of Bruce for many years the company, and I was one of its original directors when its securities were first floated by W. A. Harriman & Co. and Lehman Brothers.

Van Kleffens, Ambassador of the European Coal and Steel Community, reported to me on his recent trip to Washington. Once Dutch Foreign Minister, he is an accomplished, engaging man.

Eldon Griffiths of Newsweek came to see me. Phil Graham wishes to have a talk with the Prime Minister when he comes over on April 19. Unfortunately, rumors about Phil's tangled marital affairs have reached the Prime Minister. Griffiths is reluctant to ask for the appointment, so I said I would discuss the possibility frankly with Philip de Zulueta.

E and I went to Lord and Lady Inchyra's (Derek Hoyer Millar) at 57 Eaton Place, for drinks.

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The PM asked me to stay behind after Adlai left. He told me of his interchanges with President Kennedy about a possible meeting between himself, Kennedy, and K to attempt to bring about a test ban. He is going to look into the possibility of having such a meeting requested by one or more of the non-aligned members of the 18-nation disarmament committee.

This afternoon M. Jean Roullier, Secretary General of the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization (IMCO), called on me. This is a specialized agency of the United Nations, with a membership of more than 30 countries, with its headquarters in London. His principal objective is to facilitate cooperation among governments in technical matters of all kinds affecting shipping.

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I spoke to Philip de Zulueta today about the Prime Minister seeing Phil Graham on or after April 19. He will let me know his decision later.

A copy of one of Ken Galbraith's telegrams arrived today. It concluded in these terms:

> "May I have, for God's sake, reasonably prompt reply? If you are very prompt I might plead for speed here so you could put the bite on Bhutto. May I also remind all hands that just as Washington considers it prudent to remind Ambassadors to move with all firmness, vigor and determination, so Ambassadors are entitled in characteristic humility to ask Washington to collect itself effectively for supporting action. I notice with mild distaste the feeling that while I should be expected to move GOI with some celerity, the tempo USG must be taken as given and very deliberate at that."

Mollie Buccleuch, her daughter Caroline and son-in-law, came to see Adlai at the house this evening, before the dinner we gave for

Adlai Stevenson	Mrs. Joseph Kennedy
Lady Diana Cooper	Mrs. Ryan
Sir Edward and Lady Spears	Mr. Osbert Lancaster
Sir Kenneth and Lady Clark	Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Jones
Sir Solly Zuckerman	Mr. Gavin and Lady Irene Astor
Princess Radziwill	Mr. Clayton Fritchie
Mr. and Mrs. Ian Macleod	Sir Basil and Lady Spence
Mrs. Lancaster	Mr. Selwyn Lloyd
Mr. Wells	

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"I have addressed today, March 28, to your colleague, the US Ambassador at Lisbon, a letter which concerns my request to go to your country, the supreme and last asylum of liberty. I would be immensely grateful to you if you would, if you judge well of it, testify on my subject with your Ambassador and with the President of the United States. I encounter the dangers of "proscription". I fear that my wife is subject to even graver dangers.

With friendly regards to you, and my respectful homage to Evangeline,"

This is a distressing case. In his application for a visa, which has now been refused, he referred to the rights of man, and to his desire to retain his liberty of speech, except that he would not exercise it in any manner that might concern American domestic politics.

The whole affair is extraordinary. Bidault has been condemned to death in France. It is almost as if President Eisenhower were roaming about the world as head of an organization; the stated objective of which was terrorism and the intention to overthrow, even assassinate, his successor, President Kennedy. Bidault has always been eccentric, now he must be partially nuts. I was really fond of him when I knew him years ago, and deprecate his fall from eminence and dignity.

Tonight we had another dinner for Adlai, with the following guests:

Lady Pamela and Mr. Michael Berry
Lady Bowes-Lyon
Mrs. Ian Fleming
Mr. Weidenfeld
Mr. Sparrow
Mrs. Joseph Kennedy
Mr. Grimond
Mrs. Gaitskell
Hon. and Michael Astor
Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Gruson
Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Walker
Mr. and Mrs. William Clark
Mr. Wells
Mary, Duchess of Roxburghe

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March 29, 1963 - Friday

Mrs. Kennedy left this morning for Paris. Marietta Tree and her daughter, Frankie Fitzgerald, are arriving this afternoon to stay.

Staff meeting at noon, followed by lunch with E at the Paige Smiths, with a group of officers and their wives. This admirable couple will soon be off, to our regret, for Norfolk, where he will assume his new command.

This afternoon from 6 to 7:30, we had a reception at the Residence in connection with the annual Community Awards Ceremony; I passed out inscribed parchments to Commanding Officers of the winning Air Bases.

It is exhilarating to find how successful the relationships are between our Service men and their dependents, and the local populations.

I made a speech thanking the British, especially the RAF and the British Chairmen of Committees for their unselfish and successful work.

Air Marshal Sir Douglas Jackman responded.

Before all the guests [redacted] left, Archie Roosevelt, Sr., his wife, Margie, and Johnsie Garrett came for late drinks with us.

By 8:45, the cocktailers departed, [redacted] and we had a buffet dinner for Adlai, Ruth Field, Clayton Fritchie, Ian and Caroline Gilmore, an attractive [redacted] actress, Miss Dorothy Tutin, Yvonne and Hamish Hamilton, Marietta Tree.

A flock of children arrived later with Sasha.

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March 30, 1963 - Saturday

I went out antiquing this morning with Lee Radziwill and Joe Alsop. At Malletts ofBourdon House, I bought a fetching pair of Directoire obelisks. Lee had arranged for us to see the Rene Fribourg paintings and porcelains at Sotheby's--a pretty sight. We went to Askew on Fulham Road, where I fell for a Kang H'si blue and white beaker. We saw beautiful things at Jeremy on King's Road.

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Al came around after lunch with the recent messages between the President and the PM about a test ban. (Correspondence dated March 16 and March 28)

This is Grand National day at Aintree. Sasha left with friends, early this morning, to see it. The rest of us watched it leisurely, but fascinated, on television. It was a good race, but resulted contrary to Nicky's infallible system. We all lost. Nicky was crestfallen on Sunday when Adlai came back from the country to report that he, too, had followed our little expert to ruin.

Late this afternoon, E, David, [redacted]-Nicky and I saw a movie comedy starring popular Peter Sellers. It was medium entertainment.

The UK goes on summer time tonight, so we shall, for a while, have a six-hour difference [redacted] between London and Washington.

March 31, 1963 - Sunday

I do not recollect much about today except that I did not rouse myself until eleven o'clock, after which I devoted myself to correspondence, reading, destroying or tidying up masses of papers.

Sasha left this morning by plane for Baltimore. Adlai was cosy and amusing this evening.

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